%tb January * THE UNMASKING OF THE POLITIC ATHEIST '

One J H hath written a book called *Tee unmaking s* ttt politic atheist* wherein he declareth that the principal caale of the evil nature of these times must needs be the corrupt nature of man bending too much unto papistry, ana ccn- cludeth that papism is masked atheism seeing it males relig.cn an art of subtle policy

I2tb January A SAYING CONCERNING OSTEND

Touching the antiparle at Ostend, Sir Francis Vere said that the banns must be asked thrice, and if at the last time anv lawful cause can be shown, the marriage may be hindered The Archduke answered he knew that was true, yet, he said, it was but a whore that offered herself

i6tb January OSTEND

It is advised from Holland that some of the States were much displeased that Ostend was not then yielded, for now they thmi themselves bound in honour to defend it. The States soldiers go not to Ostend but by compulsion, calling it their slaughter- house, insomuch that some have been hanged for murmuring and refusing to go

Certain English priests have lately been with the Pope s nuncios in Pans and Flanders but found no entertainment suit- able to their desires Bagshaw was most vehement, whereupon the Flemish nuncio persuaded the rest to leave him and his company

T&ih January * THE MERRY WIVES OF WIKDSOR '

Some months since the pkyers presented Sir John Falstaff before the Queen, who was so pleased therewith that she com- manded Master Shakespeare to wnte another play showing

Falstaff in love, which he is said to have finished in fourteen days, to her Majesty's no small delight This play is now printing, entitled *A most pleasant and excellent conceited comedy of Sir John Falstaff and the merry wives of Windsor, intermixed with sundry variable and pleasing humours oj Sir Hugh, the Welsh Knight, Justice Shallow and his wise cousin, Mr Slender* [9] *with the swaggering vein of Ancient Pistol and Corporal Nym.*